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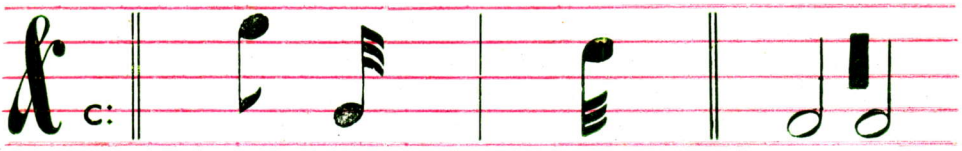

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JACK O'BRIEN (Tenor)

La Donna è Mobile (Rigoletto) ..... *Verdi*

MARJORIE WRIGHT (Soprano)

They Call Me Mimi (La Boheme) ..... *Puccini*

MAURICE CAVANAGH (Violin)

Melodie ..... *Gluck*

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GIUSEPPE FORGIONE (Baritone)

Vien Leonora (La Favorita) ..... *Donizetti*

JACK O'BRIEN and CHORUS

Per te d'immenso giubilo (Lucia di Lammermoor) ..... *Donizetti*

GIUSEPPE FORGIONE and CHORUS

Cessi o cessi quel contento (Lucia di Lammermoor) ..... *Donizetti*

Derek Bell

Accompanists—DEREK BELL and THOMAS DAVIDSON

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Maurice Cavanagh

PART TWO

Thomas Davidson

MARJORIE WRIGHT and MALE CHORUS

La Vergine degli Angeli (La Forza del Destino) ..... *Verdi*

JACK O'BRIEN (Tenor)

Angels Guard Thee (with Violin obligato) ..... *Benjamin Godard*

GIUSEPPE FORGIONE (Baritone)

Eri Tu (Un Ballo in Maschera) ..... *Verdi*

MAURICE CAVANAGH (Violin)

Hora Staccato ..... *Dinicu Heifetz*

Down By The Sally Gardens ..... *Herbert Hughes*

MARJORIE WRIGHT (Soprano)

Ah! fors' è lui ..... *Verdi*

GIUSEPPE FORGIONE and CHORUS

Coro d'introduzione and Cavatina (Nabucco) ..... *Verdi*

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JACK O'BRIEN (Tenor). Studied with Dino Borgioli, Ferini Di Verde in London and latterly with Max Worthing. Also spent periods of study at The London School of Opera.

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